

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the above identified patent by amending claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 16 and 17, canceling claims 4, 6, 9 and 11 and adding claim 18. Reissue examination on the merits of claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 12-18 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this reissue application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the reissue application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Mehran Arjomand at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place this reissue application in condition for allowance.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Director to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032023130. However, the Director is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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